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CLOSURE OF POST OFFICES IN UTTARANCHAL
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Deptt. of Posts has taken any decision to close down certain post-Offices and reduce the number of posts of Postman in Uttaranchal;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the number of Posts of Postman in the post offices at Banghat, Pauri Garhwal in Uttaranchal is also proposed to be abolished; and

(d) if so, the reasons thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) & (b) No decision has been taken to close down certain Post Offices anywhere in the country, including Uttaranchal. However, a decision has been taken to relocate/merge post offices which do not fulfil distance norms to needy justified areas. This is in consonance with the direction in the 10th plan to rationalize the network. No specific decision has been taken to reduce the number of posts of Postmen in Uttaranchal. However, posts are being reduced in consonance with Government policy to reduce 2% of the establishment strength, also taking into account the justification as per work load.

(c) & (d) Out of the sanctioned posts of one departmental postman and one Gramin Dak Sewak Mail Deliverer at Banghat, Pauri Garhwal, there is a proposal to abolish the post of departmental postman as the post is not found justified on the basis of work load.